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Application Number	09/658,283
Filing Date	09/08/00
First Named Inventor	Turner
Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	J. F. Murphy
Attorney Docket Number	LEX-0041-USA

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i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

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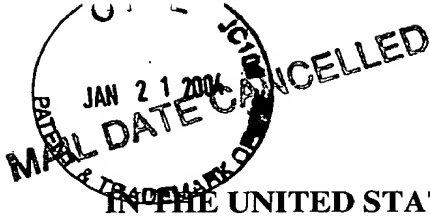
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Applicant(s): Turner *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 09/658,283

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Title: Novel Human 7TM Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Notification of Non-compliance mailed on December 17, 2003, regarding Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on September 2, 2003 that was deemed to be defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR §1.192(c). The reason the Brief was deemed defective is stated as "The Brief includes newly presented references to serve as evidence. New evidence must be submitted in a paper separate from the appeal brief, see MPEP 1207. Applicant is advised that affidavits, or exhibits submitted after the case has been appealed will not be admitted without a showing of good and sufficient reasons why they were not earlier presented."

Applicants believe that consideration of the contested evidence is critical to proper and accurate examination, thus in order to more rapidly advance this application towards allowance Applicants hereby respectfully request continued examination of application Serial No: 09/658,283 and submit the following amendments and evidence and respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of these submissions and remarks.

Applicants' response to the Notification of Non-Compliance is due on January 17, 2004, which falls on a Saturday and is followed by a Monday holiday and is thus extended to Tuesday, January 20, 2004. This response is thus timely submitted.

Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.